

**RIFA Environmental Monitoring Field Notes
Environmental Hazards Assessment Program
Environmental Monitoring and Pest Management Branch
Department of Pesticide Regulation
830 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

Trip Date: October 19, 1999

Met at RIFA Headquarters, Costa Mesa, with the following attendees:
Brian Cahill, Mohammad Azhar, Basil Ibewiro, Luis Huerta and Ruben Arius, CDFA-Pest Exclusion
Bob Luna, CDFA PDEP
Heather Davidson, CDFA-Public Affairs
John Ellis, Orange CAC staff
Richard Iizuka and Dennis Vinopal, LA CAC staff
Don Schreiber, San Bernardino CAC Staff
Bill Abel and Matt Abbott, USDA-PPQ
Kathy Boyle, Manuel Gutierrez and Jim Shattuck DPR-ENF
Kean Goh and Dave Kim, DPR-EM/PM

Purpose: CDFA and CAC RIFA project meeting.

Highlights:

- a) Pest Exclusion Costa Mesa: RIFA finds outside of quarantine in San Gabriel Valley (Norman's), Orange Co. (Tree of Life) and Indio (residential). Surveying Norman's Nursery in (~200 acres in multiple locations) after RIFA find.
- b) PDEP: Finishing treating public access areas, will begin post treatment surveys.
- c) DPR-ENF: Made presentation to Target Chemical in Sacramento (nurserymen and groundskeepers), will present to PAPA in San Diego. Concerned that SLN may be pulled if there is misuse of Lorsban (for stock going to AZ).
- d) Pest Exclusion Palm Desert: Getting business list of landscapers and builders (soil movers). Pool contractor must be inspected prior to permitting. Made outreach to landscapers and golf course maintenance people.
- e) Public Affairs: Made presentations to Cal Trans and Vector Control.
- f) Orange Co.: Taking action on violations that occur in project. Soilmover in violation for moving RIFA infested soil prior to treatment. Found ants at seam of door of sealed refrigerated truck carrying frozen chickens.
- g) LA Co.: Truck inspections- look at bait, then partially unload truck, if ants are found the whole truck is unloaded otherwise the truck may proceed. RIFA finds in trucks have decreased about 5 to 1.
- h) USDA: Finishing up soil sampling plan and looking for sampling sites.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 1999.

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